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WISCONSIN PODIATRIST WORKFORCE DATA

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This publication presents summary information from the 2003 Wisconsin Podiatrist Workforce Survey. Wisconsin had 342 licensed podiatrists in June 2003.¹ Of these, 188 (55%) responded to the survey. The data presented here, based on survey results, reflect the estimated number of podiatrists practicing in Wisconsin with a given characteristic, with the exception of total Wisconsin-licensed podiatrists and total reporting Wisconsin-licensed podiatrists. The data in this publication are self-reports, not verified with other sources of data.

	<i><u>Number</u></i>	<i><u>Percent</u></i>
Total Wisconsin-licensed podiatrists ¹	342	100%
Reporting Wisconsin-licensed podiatrists	188	55

GENERAL INFORMATION		
	<i><u>Estimated Number</u></i>	<i><u>Estimated Percent</u></i>
Podiatrists practicing in Wisconsin	283	100%
Sex		
Male	243	86%
Female	39	14
Race/Ethnicity		
White, Non-Hispanic	257	91%
Other, Non-Hispanic	2	<1
Hispanic	6	2
Unknown	18	6
Year degree granted		
2000-2003	16	6%
1990-1999	120	42
1980-1989	108	38
1970-1979	29	10
1960-1969	10	3
Location of degree-granting institution		
U.S.	281	99%
Outside U.S.	2	1
Number of practice locations in Wisconsin		
1	106	37%
2	84	30
3	37	13
More than 3	56	20
SPECIALTIES²		
Podiatric Surgery	130	46%
Primary Podiatric Medicine	53	19
Podiatric Orthopedics	39	14

¹Information obtained from the Wisconsin Department of Regulation and Licensing.
²Respondents may have more than one specialty.

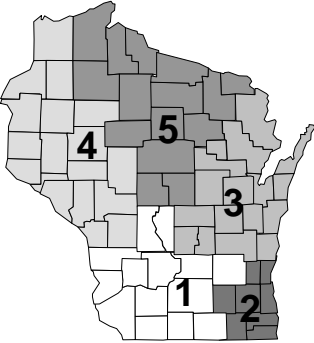
PATIENT-RELATED INFORMATION		
	<i><u>Estimated Number</u></i>	<i><u>Estimated Percent</u></i>
Accept new patients	275	97%
Provide discounted care for low income/uninsured patients		
Yes, always	59	21%
Yes, sometimes	128	45
No	90	32
Serve Medicaid patients	255	90%
Accept new Medicaid patients	228	(89) ³
Serve BadgerCare patients	216	76%
Accept new BadgerCare patients	196	(91) ³
Provide charity care		
To children and adults	88	31%
To adults only	24	8
To children only	2	1
Serve Medicare patients	275	97%
Accept new Medicare patients	273	(96) ³
Provide care in:		
Hospitals	245	87%
Nursing homes	141	50
Practices that offer language interpretation services⁴	106	37%
Spanish	90	32
Hmong	55	19
American Sign Language	43	15
Russian	29	10
Other languages	20	7
PRIMARY PRACTICE SETTING INFORMATION		
Self-employed: individual, group, or partnership practice	147	52%
Employed by podiatrists / podiatric clinic	35	12
General medical / surgical hospital	27	10
Employed by physicians	26	9
Employed by HMO / PPO	18	6
Health care business/corporation (insurance company, HMO)	12	4
Academic setting / teaching institution	8	3
Nursing home	6	2
Federally funded agency (tribal/community/ migrant health facility)	4	1

³Percents based on total serving patients in this program.
⁴Some practices offer more than one language.

	<i><u>Estimated Number</u></i>	<i><u>Estimated Percent</u></i>
Practice Size: Number of Podiatrists		
1	128	45%
2 to 5	132	47
6 to 10	16	6
Changed or modified podiatry practice due to insurance costs		
No	206	73%
Yes	69	24

PLANS TO CHANGE PODIATRY PRACTICE		
Plan to retire in next 36 months	12	4%
Plan to reduce work hours in next 12 months	12	4%
Primary reason:		
Leisure time	4	(33%) ⁵
Family obligations	4	(33)
Disability/physical limitation/unable to work	2	(17)
Other	2	(17)

PODIATRISTS BY REGION ⁶		
	<i><u>Estimated Number</u></i>	<i><u>Estimated Rate per 10,000 Population</u></i>
(1) South	47	0.45
(2) Southeast	116	0.57
(3) Northeast	53	0.44
(4) West	41	0.55
(5) North	26	0.53



⁵Percents based on those who plan to reduce work hours in the next 12 months.
⁶Based on primary practice location.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

The data source for these tables is the 2003 Podiatrist Workforce Survey. The survey was conducted by the Wisconsin Division of Public Health, Bureau of Health Information and Policy, in cooperation with Wisconsin-licensed podiatrists. Completion of the survey was required for all Wisconsin-licensed podiatrists under Chapter 153, Wis. Stats.

The survey was conducted online, using a survey instrument developed from previous surveys and comments from the Wisconsin Division of Health Care Financing, the Wisconsin Division of Public Health, and the Wisconsin Podiatric Association. The final response rate was 55 percent, with 188 of 342 licensed podiatrists completing the survey.

The data presented here, based on survey results, reflect the estimated number of Wisconsin-licensed podiatrists practicing in Wisconsin. A weight was constructed for each record in the data set to adjust for the response rates by place of residence, either located within the state or out of state. When these weights are applied to the data set, the results are considered to be representative of all podiatrists practicing in Wisconsin in 2003. In some tables, the percentage estimates do not sum to 100 percent due to rounding to whole numbers.

Additional Information

The Bureau of Health Information and Policy is a new bureau in the Division of Public Health. It comprises the former Bureau of Health Information (which was part of the Division of Health Care Financing) and selected policy staff from the Division of Public Health. This publication is available online at <http://dhfs.wisconsin.gov/provider/podiatrists.htm>. More Wisconsin statistics on health and health care can be found at <http://dhfs.wisconsin.gov/stats>.

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